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CONCLUDING REMARKS

That, Mr. Chairman, completes our formal statement of explanation and justification.

I believe all of the above items are necessary for the efficient administration of Agency programs. I would like to emphasize that none of these requested items is unique to the Agency in that there is existing precedent in law for all of them.

I would like to comment briefly on the importance and urgency of these proposals. During his periodic briefings of the CIA Subcommittee of this Committee, Mr. McCone has discussed the reviews which have been conducted of Agency organization and management processes. We have both had ample opportunity to observe the people in the Agency. We have been deeply impressed by their outstanding competence and dedication. Moreover, since I have been associated with CIA, I have been convinced that there are very few jobs elsewhere in Government or industry where individuals carry the weight of personal responsibility that they bear in CIA and where the consequences of error are so potentially disastrous to the nation.

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